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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In other preferred embodiments, the read control mechanism includes a <u>comparator</u> ~~comparitor~~ for comparing the input address and the dummy address with each other to output a first signal or a second signal, an enabling/disabling means ~~(48)~~ for enabling the first storing means in response to the first signal and disabling the first storing means in response to the second signal, and a read address output means ~~(60)~~ for outputting a read address for the second regular data being stored in the second storing means in response to the second signal.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A memory cartridge ~~(10)~~ according to an exemplary implementation of the present invention is a memory cartridge storing an application program and having a security function for preventing unfair use of the application program, comprising: a first storing means ~~(46)~~ including a first program storing area ~~(46a)~~ for fixedly storing a first application program and a dummy data storing area ~~(46b)~~ for fixedly storing dummy data; a second storing means ~~(52)~~ including a second program storing area ~~(52a)~~ which <u>has</u> ~~have~~ a storage capacity equal to at least a storage capacity of the dummy data storing area ~~(46b)~~ of the first storing means and fixedly stores a second application program to be originally stored in the dummy data storing area; and a read control means ~~(54)~~ which compares an input address with the dummy data of an address space of the dummy data storing area, to enable reading of the first application program from the first storing means when the input address and the dummy address are not identical, and to disable the reading of the first application program and enable the reading of the second application program from the second storing means when the input address and the dummy address are identical.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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An electronic equipment (10) according to an exemplary implementation of the present invention is an electronic equipment storing an application program and having a security function for preventing unfair use of the application program, comprising: a first storing means (46) including a first program storing area (46a) for fixedly storing a first application program and a dummy data storing area (46b) for fixedly storing dummy data; a second storing means (52) including a second program storing area (52a) which has ~~have~~ a storage capacity equal to at least a storage capacity of the dummy data storing area (46b) of the first storing means and fixedly stores a second application program to be originally stored in the dummy data storing area; and a read control means (54) which compares an input address with the dummy data of an address space of the dummy data storing area, to enable reading of the first application program from the first storing means when the input address and the dummy address are not identical, and to disable the reading of the first application program and enable the reading of the second application program from the second storing means when the input address and the dummy address are identical.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A memory cartridge for game machine (10) according to an exemplary implementation of the present invention is a memory cartridge for game machine storing a game program and having a security function for preventing unfair use of the game program, comprising: a first storing means (46) including a first program storing area (46a) for fixedly storing a first game program and a dummy data storing area (46b) for fixedly storing dummy data; a second storing means (52) including a second program storing area (52a) which has ~~have~~ a storage capacity equal to at least a storage capacity of the dummy data storing area (46b) of the first storing means and fixedly stores a second game program to be originally stored in the dummy data storing area; and a read control means (54) which compares an input address with the dummy data of an address space of the dummy data storing area, to enable reading of the first game program from the first storing means when the input address and the dummy address are not identical, and to disable the reading of the first game program and enable the reading of the

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second game program from the second storing means when the input address and the dummy address are identical.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, in a case that a second storing means further includes a vacant area (52d), if the data that is varied according to the progress or development of the game and necessary for restarting the game after the game is suspended, that is, the backup data such as score point, life, items, player name and etc. is written in the vacant area, it is possible to omit a backup memory which was provided in a conventional cartridge for game machine. That is, the second storing means serves as the second storing means and the backup memory, and therefore, it is possible to reduce the cost.